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## Zoning will allow compactor

### Dead man's name was on petition

North Piedmont resident Frank Brackett presented City Council with a second petition protesting a trash compactor at the Public Works Facility Tuesday night.

This petition, containing 191 names, was the second presented by Brackett. An earlier petition also contained over 100 names.

However, City Manager George Wood said the first petition included many names which were "not legitimate."

Wood explained that the Council delayed re-

zoning the city's land behind the Public Works facility from R-20 to General Business so Brackett's petition could be checked out.

Wood asked Brackett if he had verified the signatures on the petition and Brackett replied "Yes." Wood then said City Planner Gene White had contacted 89 people on the first petition and many of them told White they had not signed it.

"Nine people said they had signed it for other people, and 12 said they had not signed it at all,"

See Petition, 9-A

City Council Tuesday night rezoned property behind the Public Works facility to make it possible for the city to construct a trash compactor to be used as a transfer site for city garbage going to the Cleveland County landfill.

Frank Brackett, a city employee and a resident of North Piedmont Avenue, objected to the rezoning, saying it would be more costly to the city than the current method of hauling each trash truck full of garbage to the landfill. He said it would be necessary to make 18

trips a week to the landfill, costing the city \$1,044 a week in landfill fees.

"We're talking about a five-yard compactor," he told the council. "The garbage trucks haul 25 yards. What are we going to do with the other 15 or 20 yards?"

Supt. of Public Works Karl Moss, later in the meeting, took issue with Brackett's cost figures and other comments. "It's true that we're talking about a five-yard compactor," Moss said, "but the hopper will receive 42 yards. The

compactor will take a whole truck (of garbage) at one time," he said. "And the hopper compacts by 92 percent where now we're compacting only 40 percent. We will only have to make three trips a week to the landfill."

er trip, or roughly \$748 a week. Moss said he will save the city money, also. He cited a cause of fee

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## KMHS nurse staying busy

The first day that physician's assistant Diane Sanders set up practice at Kings Mountain High School, she saw nine students.

Since then, the average number of students complaining of some malady or emergency has been between 10 and 12 a day, she said.

The number one complaint is headaches, with sprains, menstrual cramping and viral illnesses -- "not to mention a bunch of bandaids" -- said Sanders, who is from Shelby and worked for the Health Department since 1975.

Chris Tague, a senior, was receiving treatment for a welding burn on his foot Monday. It was his first experience at the clinic.

"I think it needs to be done," Tague said. "Because if someone gets something in his eye or hurt in P.E. class, they can come down here without the teacher leaving the rest of the class."

Sanders agreed that having her on the school grounds made it possible for students to seek treatment for minor emergencies and sickness without having to pay a doctor.

But, she said, "We try to use their doctors if at all possible." Sanders can write prescriptions, but she said she tries to encourage the students to go to their family doctor if they have one.

The school system sent consent forms to each student's parents. So far, Sanders has received 175 to 180 forms back. The form is necessary for Sanders to treat a student except in an emergency situation.

One misconception she wants to clear up is she does not run tests and give physicals to students at random.

"If they have a doctor and they need an exam, then I would send them to their doctor," she said.

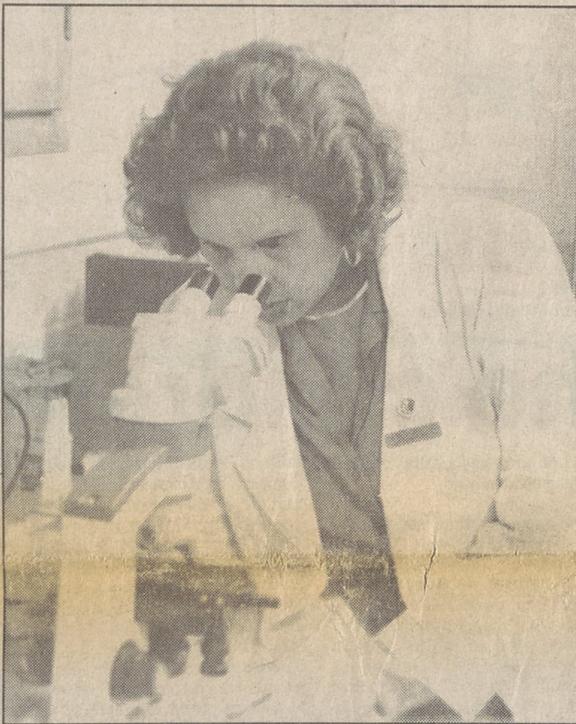
Sanders said she has had several students come to just talk to her about issues like smoking and drinking.

"I try not to lecture," she said. "The main thing is they have someone to listen to them."

"I can understand how the parents feel," Sanders said about certain tests, such as pregnancy tests, that she can perform without the parents' permission. North Carolina General Statute 90-21.5 allows minors to give consent for certain medical health services.

"We try to encourage the students to communicate with the parents" in such situations, Sanders said.

The school also has a rule that requires the parents' permission for a student to leave school in case of illness. Sanders said she can't allow the student to leave without the



DIANE SANDERS

parents' knowledge.

Sanders said that a Planning Committee was begun this summer as a temporary guide to the clinic until it got off the ground. One teacher and two parents are among the members. One of the parent members is opposed to the idea of a clinic and the other parent is for the clinic. Sanders said it was a

cross section of people interested in the program.

"We're very pleased," said Principal Jackie Lavender. "She's a quality professional. . . . It's a real service to our students."

"The kids are getting use to me," she said. "I think they're beginning to be more comfortable with me. . . . I feel real good about it. I always felt like there was a need for it."

## KM elections set Tuesday

Pollwatchers call Tuesday's runoff for Ward 2 and one At-Large seat on city council too close to call.

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. at Kings Mountain Community Center and National Guard Armory.

All four candidates are spending the few days remaining before election day knocking on doors and with good reason. With only 33% of the city's 5,000 registered voters voting in the October municipal election, the decision on who will be the two members of city council to serve with the remaining five, two of whom are new, and new mayor Scott Neisler could be left up to a handful of voters. In Ward 2, where 893 people are registered to vote, only 288 went to the polls in the primary. Only those voters registered in Ward 2 will choose their representative. All registered voters in the city may vote for the one At-Large position.

In the race for the At-Large, two-year council seat, incumbent Al Moretz had 515 votes to Joe King's 513 votes and King officially called for the runoff.

For the Ward 2 race, James Guyton was the highest votegetter with 94, but Roy Pearson, who had 77 votes, called for a runoff.

Moretz, completing his first term

### FOR WARD 2



GUYTON

PEARSON

### FOR AT-LARGE



KING

MORETZ

on the board and chairman of the utility commission, is being challenged by former Cleveland County deputy Joe King, also a former city policeman who lost in a close contest with former police chief Jackie Barrett four years ago.

In Ward 2, former city recreation See City, 9-A

## Five seek two school seats

The five-candidate race for two seats on the Kings Mountain Board of Education is probably the hottest Kings Mountain area voters will decide Tuesday at the polls.

With election day only five days away, Mark George, Billy King, David Lynn, Shearra Miller and B. S. "Sonny" Peeler were waging



KING

last-minute campaign strategies to get voter support for two inside-city seats on the Kings Mountain school board.

In the Kings Mountain School District a total of 9,261 voters are eligible to vote. Voter turnout is expected to be good Tuesday since city runoffs for two seats on council will be conducted at the same time and in the same polling places.

All the candidates have posted campaign signs and handed out literature while pumping hands in one of the most vigorous campaigns ever waged for seats on the

board, political campaign watchers say.

King, chairman of the board who is completing his first term, is opposed by three newcomers to school politics, each of whom have close ties with the system. Four of the five candidates are KMHS graduates. One is a former teacher.

Voters living in the Kings Mountain School District will go to the polls at Kings Mountain Armory, Kings Mountain Community Center, David Baptist Church fellowship hall, Grover Rescue Building and Waco Town See Schools, 9-A



GEORGE

LYNN



PEELER

MILLER

## Nine running in Grover

GROVER - Voters will elect a mayor and three commissioners from nine candidates on the ballot Tuesday.

Since the N. C. Attorney General has ruled that Town board cannot appoint a commissioner to complete the two-year unexpired term of W. Norman King, who gave up his seat to run for mayor, registered voters will be selecting three council members instead of two from the six who are running.

Former commissioner King and former commissioner Ronald Queen are both trying to unseat veteran mayor Bill McCarter.

Running for seats on the board are incumbent Sandra Spangler Ellis, former commissioner Don Rich, Jack Herndon, Dr. Philip M. Day, Evelyn Willis and Sam Stevenson. The top two vote-getters will be elected to four-year terms with the third elected to the two year unexpired term of King. The top votegetter in the mayor's race will serve a four-year term. There are no runoffs and the election will be conducted by the county elections board.

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. at the Grover Rescue Squad building.

## Improvements planned for streets, lake beach

City Council approved improvements to the swimming area at Moss Lake and also approved a priority list of streets to be paved at Tuesday night's meeting at the Governmental Services Facilities Center.

Estimated cost of the beach improvements at the lake is \$6,175. That includes \$5,000 for seeding the area, \$175 for seed, fertilizer and straw to over-seed two acres, and \$1,000 for track hoe work.

City Manager George Wood pointed out that every year some erosion takes place and by seeding the area behind the beach dredging would not be necessary every year.

Recreation Director David Hancock said the man hours to

mow the grass would not be as great expense as having to dredge and reshape the beach area every year.

Councilman Al Moretz, who is an engineer, said the area also gets some deposits from other areas. "This work will save the shore line but we will still have to dredge it," he said.

The Council also approved spending its estimated \$66,215.40 in Powell Bill funds to pave Charles Street, Floyd Street, Fairview Street, Juniper Street, Ridge Street, Phenix Street, Third Street, Clinton Street, and Country Club Drive. Floyd Street will also be widened.

See Paving, 8-A

## Kings Mountain People



BECKY COOK

## Becky makes election go smooth

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
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For over half her life Becky Cook has worked elections but the recent Kings Mountain municipal election proved to be her biggest challenge.

The versatile Kings Mountain Elections Board Chairman works behind the scenes for months before any election but this year the chore was tougher because of redistricting and ward changes.

Organized as she is, Becky still had to burn the midnight oil to accomplish the smoothly run election October 8.

Gearing up now for a November 5 runoff between four people for two seats on council, Cook says she will push city fathers for their ideas for a non-partisan election in the future. Cost to the city, she said, would be cut in half.

Cook, no stranger to city hall since her father, the late Floyd Thornburg, was chief of the Kings

Mountain Fire Department from 1962-73, worked her way up in the election business, beginning as an assistant for the county 25 years ago, then serving as judge and registrar at the polls. Because of her keen interest and wide experience, she applied for the job of chairman of the KM Elections Board in 1985 and has handled four elections since in her usual professional manner.

Her earliest memories of city hall were riding as a teenager with her father from their home in Patterson Grove Community when he was a volunteer fireman. "We must have been going 90 m.p.h. down Nebo Hill but Dad heard a fire whistle and he couldn't miss a fire," she said.

Although city elections only come around every two years, Becky spends time each month updating her books and pays a visit to the county elections office at least once a month to add names of new regis-

See Cook, 9-A